IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

JAN 0 2 2004

OFFICIAL

Applicant(s):

Anderson, et al.

Assignee:

Metara, Inc.

Title:

Automated Analysis of Fluid-Based Processing Systems

Serial No.:

10/086,025

Filing Date:

February 28, 2002

Examiner:

Arlen Soderquist

Group Art Unit:

1743

Docket No.:

M-15308 US

Irvine, California January 2, 2004

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a 3-month extension of time within which to respond to the July 2, 2003 outstanding Office Action, such extension allowing the undersigned until January 2, 2004 to respond.

Please charge the fee of \$475.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2257.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above-deposit account. If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at (949) 752-7040.

Certification of Facsimile Transmission

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to (703) 872-9306 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the

date shown delor

Signature

Data

Respectfully submitted,

Jon W. Hallman

Attorney for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. 42,622

MACREERSON XWOX CEEN
6: HEID LLP
2403 MICHELSON DRIVE
SUITE 210
LRVINB, CA. 92612

(949) 752-7040 FAX (949) 752-7049

TY EXCITATO MYT

9

Serial No. 09/872,060